

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed January 7, 2009, was reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office were considered. An amendment and response was filed April 7, 2009, which was subsequently entered. In an Advisory Action dated July 1, 2009, the Examiner stated that the claims stood rejected because the petition to amend the priority claims was denied. A renewed Petition under 35 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) is attached to correct the priority date to October 9, 2001.

CONCLUSION

Upon grant of the petition and entry of the amendment, the outstanding rejection of the claims will be moot. The Applicants hereby submit a request for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and the accompanying fees. Please charge our Credit Card in the amount of \$1,920.00 covering the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and 1.17(a). In the event that any additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent the abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required in conjunction with this submission to Deposit Account Number 50-2228, under Order Number 022290.0116C1US.

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